# Context & Methodology

More than 4.7 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the escalation of conflict on 24 February 2022. From among them, 326,244 have been displaced to Slovakia (UNHCR). The number of people crossing has fluctuated in the days since the escalation, and it can be anticipated that it will vary with the intensity and geography of conflict in the next days or weeks.

To understand the drivers of displacement and intentions of refugees, 619 interviews were conducted with people crossing from Ukraine into Slovakia. Interviews were conducted at border checkpoints and reception centers, and began on 4 March. This factsheet includes cumulative responses from 4 March to 12 April. Following this data collection, select interviewees will be contacted for long-form qualitative interviews to gain a longitudinal understanding of their experience of displacement.

Interviewees were selected purposively to gain a broader understanding of experiences and intentions, and results should therefore be considered indicative.

The data collection tool was modified after the deployment and therefore the sample size differs for certain questions; for some of them, the sample size is provided.

### Demography

#### **Gender of the respondent**

Female 90% Male 10%



Nationality of the respondent

3%

74%

Ukrainian

Russian

Other

1 - 4

Number of people traveling with respondents

Alone 17%



Respondents reporting travelling with the following population groups<sup>1</sup>

Children 0-5 years of age	24%
Children 6-18 years of age	56%
Elderly (65+ years of age)	16%
Pregnant and lactating women	2%
Persons with disabilities	12%
Unaccompanied/separated children	2%

#### Most reported pre-displacement employment status of respondents<sup>2</sup>

Wholesale and retail trade	15%	
Retired	11%	
Education (including		
students and teachers)	11%	
Health care	7%	

### **⅓** Origins and Arrivals

**100%** of respondents reported holding a passport

#### Reasons for leaving the area of origin<sup>1,3</sup>

Active conflict (incl. troops) in the	55%	
settlement	<b>55</b> %	
Damage in or near the settlement	25%	
Worry that active fighting will	15%	
come to settlement in next days	1070	

#### Most frequent regions (oblasts) of origin<sup>4</sup>

26%
19%
14%
8%
6%

#### Reason for selecting border crossing<sup>2</sup>

Most direct route to border	31%	
Most convenient for future plans	20%	
Meeting family/friends at location	15%	
Shorter queues at this crossing	14%	

# Most frequently reported modalities of border crossing<sup>2</sup>

Foot	71%	
Car	13%	
Bus	8%	
Train	7%	

#### **±** Intentions

# Top 3 intended destination countries of respondents

Slovakia	55%	
Germany	13%	
Czech Republic	9%	

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of respondents intending to stay in Slovakia plan to stay in the country as long as conflict in Ukraine continues

of respondents intending to stay in Slovakia don't know how long they will stay in the country

#### Reported drivers for selection of destination country by respondents<sup>1,2</sup>

Family/friends in location of arrival	46%	
Destination close to Ukraine	16%	
Language spoken in destination	11%	
Advised by reception center	10%	

#### Reported accommodation type in destination country by respondents

Staying with family/friend	32%	
Don't know yet	21%	
Hosted by social media contact	13%	
Accommodation provided by authorities	12%	
Rented accommodation	7%	

<sup>1</sup>Multiple responses permitted. The sum might exceed 100%. <sup>2</sup> Top four choices indicated by respondents. <sup>3</sup> Top three choices indicated by respondents.



